Ravalli County Commissioners 215 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite A Hamilton, MT. 59840 406-375-6500

July 23, 2008

RE: Proposed Bill # LC 7776 - Detainee Medical Costs

Dear Law & Justice Interim Committee Members:

Fax 444-3036

This proposed bill will burden county governments in an unfair manner. Enforcement of the law is a state interest and the counties should not be burdened with paying for state responsibilities. Further, the bill is flawed since it assigns no responsibility to a potential law breaker.

We urge you to kill this bill.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF RAVALLI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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